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Buffalo District

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FACT SHEET

Title/Name: Emergency Regional Permit 99-000-1

Project Description: On 8 April, 2005, District Commander LTC Timothy B. Touchette reissued Regional Permit 99-000-1. The permit authorizes dredging in navigable waters and the discharge of dredged or fill material, including those discharges associated with excavation activities, into waters of the United States to facilitate the remediation of sites that were damaged as a result of major storm events. The permit is activated by the District Commander as needed in response to these major storm events. This action was processed under a full public interest review including Federal and State Resources agencies and the general public. All comments were considered under this review and incorporated, as necessary to further safeguard the environment.

Purpose: This Regional Permit was developed in support of Buffalo District initiative No. 11 - Build Our Emergency Response Capability. The purpose of this regional permit was to reduce paperwork and improve efficiency without compromising environmental values or the needs and welfare of the general public.

Location: Waters of New York State located within the Buffalo District Jurisdiction.

Authority: Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act.

Current Status: Emergency Regional Permit #99-000-1 was activated on April 8, 2005 in response to rainfall related damage on April 2-3, 2005. This activation included the following affected counties: Broome, Cayuga, Chenango, Cortland, Madison, Onondaga, Tioga, Tompkins, Niagara, and Orleans. Chautauqua County was added by the Federal Emergency Management Agency on April 19, 2005 but was not identified as an affected county in the activated Emergency Regional Permit at that time. At FEMA's request, Chautauqua County was added on June 7, 2005 as an affected county in the activated Emergency Regional Permit. Activation of the Regional permit has been requested until August 31, 2005, at which time a re-evaluation will be done to see if additional activation time is warranted. Under Regional Permit 99-000-1, applicants will have one year from date of activation to complete work.

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